

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 27, 2004. Claims 35, 49, 53, 59 and 66 have been amended. Claims 35-71 remain pending in this case.

Claims 35-71 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being non-enabling. Specifically, the Office Action states "the way in which the pressurizing gas in the chamber is not fully claimed." Claims 35, 49, 53, 59 and 66 have been amended to address the rejection. Applicant submits that claims 35-71 are now in compliance with § 112.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted

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